

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic

May 9, 2022

Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Madam President:)

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2022.

The situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic has been marked by a breakdown of law and order; intersectarian tension; the pervasive, often forced recruitment and use of child soldiers; and widespread violence and atrocities, including those committed by Kremlin-linked and Yevgeniy Prigozhin-affiliated entities such as the Wagner Group. These dynamics threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Central African Republic and the neighboring states, and continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13667 with respect to the Central African Republic.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Kamala D. Harris, President of the Senate. The letter referred to Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin, founder, Concord Management and Consulting, who is wanted by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to defraud the U.S. by impairing, obstructing, and defeating the lawful functions of the Federal Election Commission, Department of Justice, and Department of State. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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Names: Prigozhin, Yevgeniy Viktorovich.

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